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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence**

In connection with my luncheon meeting at the White House with Messrs. Anderson, Cutler, and Jackson regarding East-West trade and related matters, there was a desire expressed for some intelligence from us on the following subjects:

1. Whether or not there were real food shortages and possibly famine conditions in any parts of the European satellite countries.
2. Available statistics of the exports between the Soviet and the satellites in consumer goods and commodities, particularly in commodities in which the people of the satellites are themselves interested.
3. What were the serious shortages in the various satellite countries in commodities and consumer goods.

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